

**TOWN BOARD PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
**November 12, 2015**

**The November 12, 2015 Public Workshop was held at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Tollisen in the A. James Bold Meeting Room at the New Town Hall with the following members present:**

Kevin J. Tollisen, Supervisor  
Paul L. Hotaling, Councilman  
John P. Wasielewski, Councilman  
Daphne V. Jordan, Councilwoman  
Jeremy W. Connors, Councilman  
Cathy L. Drobny, Deputy Town Attorney  
Lynda A. Bryan, Town Clerk

Lyn A. Murphy, Town Attorney -Excused

**Supervisor Tollisen:** stated that there will be a short Power Point presentation this evening and that it will appear on the Town's website tomorrow morning. There will be no decisions made tonight and the Transfer Station will remain open for 2016. Tonight will be discussions by the Town Board and residents.

He stated that at the Fall Cleanup in September there were 1498 cars that came through the Transfer Station during the 2 week period it was available to residents. A question was asked about Clifton Park's Transfer Station and Supervisor Tollisen said that in speaking with Supervisor Barrett, and he said that they lose money as well. Supervisor Tollisen also said that there has not been a raise in our Transfer Station fees since 2006.

**Councilwoman Jordan** asked if a cost analysis had been done and if we knew how many bags of brush are brought to the Transfer Station.

**John Pingelski, Highway Superintendent** said that he was down to one person working at the Transfer Station and it would be very difficult for him to also count the amount of bags

**Supervisor Tollisen** said that it would be an accounting nightmare to charge \$.50 per bag for brush

**Councilwoman Jordan** said that at the last meeting John said he needed new equipment to keep the Transfer Station going. We need to make sure the Transfer Station can cover all of its costs and that we also must be sure that we charge

enough money to pay for the new and/or replacement equipment that John had mentioned the Town would need to keep the Transfer Station in running order and if he knew what these costs of maintaining the Transfer Station would be.

**Councilman Connors** asked how bad is the Transfer Station building

**John Pingelski** said that the roof is very bad. He has also moved the recycle bins under cover to help them last.

**Councilman Wasielewski** asked the gentleman who was speaking about the Colonie Landfill if it was more convenient for him to use the Colonie Landfill

**Resident**, my concern is you are paying \$2.00 for a 30 gallon bag, how do you equate \$2.00 worth of garbage, each one is different. At the Colonie Landfill they charge by weight.

**John Pingelski** said that we go to the Colonie Landfill and get scaled. We do not have a weigh machine at the Transfer Station now and it would also require additional staffing.

**Gary Meyer, 16 Oakleaf Drive** said that we charge \$2.00 for a 30 gallon bag, what about the smaller bags like a Wal-Mart bag?

**John Pingelski** stated that 10 Wal-Mart bags would be approximately one 30 gallon bag and added that Mike was very good about the punches

**Gary Meyer** felt that the leaves should be free but those coming to the Spring/Fall Cleanup with regular household garbage should be punched. He felt that residents should be charged for Hazardous Waste Day, if it comes to \$40.00 per person, charge them, but felt that it all seems reasonable.

**John Pingelski** mentioned that people should sign up for E-Alerts for notifications for both Highway & Transfer Station.

**Mike Hurtt, 9 Plank Road** stated that our largest deficit was with the Spring/Fall Cleanup. He suggested a modest increase in the punch cards. A \$5.00 increase in the cards based on the number of cards previously sold would create \$7,500. He also suggested charging \$15.00 for the sticker on your car that would yield \$22,500 and a \$20.00 charge for the sticker would yield \$30,000 to helping with the deficit.

**Joyce Kania, 163 Route 146** stated that a \$5.00 or \$10.00 charge for the permit would be OK but thought that \$20.00 would be too high. She opposes charging per

car or trailer during the Spring/Fall Cleanup feeling that with the higher price people will dump it on the back roads.

**Angelo Pastizzo, 65 Sheldon Drive** said that he agrees with increasing the cost per bag from \$2.00 to \$2.50 to help with the \$40,000 deficit. He noticed that the employee costs have gone down. He does not want to see the Spring/Fall Cleanup getting too restrictive as we will find garbage all around. He is cautious about charging for Hazardous Waste Day as we don't want to have hazardous waste not properly disposed of.

**Marty Brier, 1 Cromwell Drive** said that the power point shows that it cost the town \$46.00 per resident and she just has two paint cans and someone else may have a lot of hazardous waste.

**Dave Papura, 121 Johnson Road** agrees with a minimal increase to keep the Transfer Station open. 600 people currently use the Transfer Station vs the 5,500 that do not, it doesn't add up.

**Robert Murray, Harris Road** said no charge for Hazardous Waste Day so that they do not throw it on the side of the road.

**John Pingelski** mentioned that Malta & Ballston also do Hazardous Waste Day, but they charge their residents where Clifton Park and Halfmoon do not.

**Robert Murray** said that Mike is good with the punches and a \$20.00 sticker is cheap. At County Waste they charge you \$29.00 whether you have 1 or 100 recliners.

**Angelo Pastizzo** said no freebies for garbage at Spring/Fall Cleanup

**Joyce Kania** said that there are garbage bags thrown in front of her house

**Bob Pavone, 36 Vosburgh Road** says that increase the price per bag and that he uses 3-4 cards per year and at \$30.00 a card, it is still a bargain. He suggested that instead of having the Spring/Fall Cleanup, to just have it in the summer for 3-4 weeks, eliminating some of the costs.

**Ron Clapper, 94 Lower Newtown Road** said that you used to see furniture on the sides of the road and if you start charging you may see it happening again. He also said that the Town of Halfmoon is a lot cheaper than County Waste and the charges have not gone up since 2006.

**Councilman Connors** said that John will also need money for equipment and asked what do we pay County Waste?

**John Pingelski** said that we pay County Waste \$60.00 per ton.

**Mike Hurtt** suggested that you should be charged by the load instead of free and to also pay for the sticker.

**Supervisor Tollisen** said that there will be no decision made tonight and thanked everyone for coming and that their comments are very valuable. He said that he would like to have another workshop with Town Board comments by the end of the year.

**Ron Clapper** asked if we could get a comment from each of the Board members at the next work shop.

**Supervisor Tollisen** said that we will reconvene after Thanksgiving on Thursday December 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM with another workshop. All agreed.